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2016 Project Front Yard Awards Ceremony

As a part of their ongoing commitment to Project Front Yard's mission of improving the face of the community, IBERIABANK partnered to host the third annual Project Front Yard Awards on October 6, 2016. The awards are given annually to recognize individuals and organizations in Lafayette for their efforts in community beautification. A total of four awards were given in the categories of Best in Cleanliness, Best in Beautification, Best in Education and Best Overall Project Front Yard Effort.



Best Overall Project Front Yard Effort – CGI

Since Project Front Yard's inception, CGI has been an integral business partner and has supported several projects that focus on cleanliness, beautification and education including: Electronic waste recycling, Festival International's "Geaux Green" initiative, litter clean ups, civicside's 24 hour citizen project and the 3D interactive, touchscreen Bayou Vermilion paddle trail map, created in partnership with Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association and Bayou Vermilion District, now on display at the Lafayette Science Museum. CGI has embraced the spirit of Project Front Yard and through these activities they have proven to be an excellent partner that shares their resources with the community in which they reside, including in-kind, financial and the human resources of their members.



Best in Cleanliness - Cristy Savoie and Lance Strother with St. Thomas More High School

These two individuals, with the support of their STM family, worked diligently prepare flood-ravaged homes for reconstruction. Through their inspiring leadership, students were able to directly witness how collective effort and service to others can benefit the larger community.



Best in Beautification - Azalea Trail, spearheaded by June Faul

Under their leadership, more than 200 azaleas have been installed along the 22 mile trail, Lafayette was named an "Azalea City" by the Azalea Society of America and an archive manual was created for historical record keeping of the trail from the 1930s until today.



Best in Education - Engel & Voelkers and Liberty Mutual

The businesses represented by Jeremy Broussard and Levi Kastner respectively, have been instrumental in the success of Project Front Yard's annual Plastic Bag Roundup, which resulted in recycling more than 11,000 pounds of plastic bags collected by 29 area schools last year alone.



All 2016 award recipients were nominated through a community-wide, open submission process.

The honorees' families, friends, colleagues and those who nominated them attended the ceremony to celebrate the recipients and their contributions to creating a cleaner, more beautiful Lafayette.

Project Front Yard is an initiative which was launched in 2014 and brings together individuals, business, government and media partners to address community beautification through education.

Taking the lead from more than forty action items in Lafayette's Comprehensive Plan, Project Front Yard's mission is to build awareness and stimulate improvement of the face of our local community. Initiatives under Project Front Yard include revitalization of gateways, improved streetscapes, litter removal and prevention, public art, river cleanup, and education.



For more information visit www.projectfrontyard.com.